

2019 RSVP One-Time Augmentation Opportunity for Non-Federally Funded Grantees

Grantee Guidance and Instructions



Overview

Senior Corps is pleased to offer a one-time augmentation of up to \$7,500 to all current non-federally funded grantees of the RSVP program. We expect that this increase will support grantees' efforts to recruit, retain and place older American volunteers in high-impact service opportunities in their community.

One-Time Augmentation Details

- The additional funding will **not** be a permanent addition to the grantee's baseline funding amount.
- While grantees may request an augmentation of less than \$7,500, Senior Corps strongly encourages all grantees to accept the maximum funding available, to create the greatest possible impact in their communities.
- Funds may be used for any allowable purpose. Senior Corps strongly encourages grantees to use them to recruit, retain, and place RSVP volunteers. Examples of expenditures that may be supported by these costs include new marketing or communication efforts, enhanced volunteer training and orientation, or new volunteer recognition activities. See [2 CFR 200, Subpart E](#) for more information on allowable costs.
- The following standard requirements for Senior Corps funding apply:
 - Accepting these one-time augmentation funds will result in a non-federal share requirement. For RSVP grantees in their first year of operation, your required non-federal share is 10% of the total project cost. For RSVP grantees in their second year of operation, your required non-federal share is 20% of the total project cost. For all other RSVP grantees, your required non-federal share is 30% of the total project cost. Examples are included in the FAQs' below.
 - Accepting these additional funds may increase the number of unduplicated volunteers you need to program towards National Performance Measure Work Plans resulting in outcomes. Examples are included in the FAQs' below. Please note that you have until the end of your three-year performance period to achieve this allocation of unduplicated volunteers.

To Request the One-Time Augmentation

- Grantees will receive a customized letter from their CNCS state office explaining this opportunity and offering detailed instructions to request the augmentation by submitting an amendment in eGrants.
- Grantees that accept the opportunity will revise their budget application in eGrants and submit an amendment, which will be reviewed by CNCS and approved, if appropriate.
- All amendments must be submitted in eGrants by **July 15, 2019**.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Q: May I request an amount other than \$7,500?

A: Yes, you may request any amount up to \$7,500. Senior Corps strongly encourages all grantees to accept the full \$7,500 available to them. Grantees may not receive an augmentation of more than \$7,500.

2. Q: Is accepting the augmentation mandatory?

A: No. However, Senior Corps strongly recommends accepting these funds and using them to increase RSVP service in your community.

3. Q: Will CNCS provide more information on what these funds may be used for? Can I ask specific questions about specific items?

A: Funds may be used for any allowable purpose. Senior Corps strongly encourages grantees to use them to recruit or retain RSVP volunteers. However, this is a recommendation only. To determine if something is an allowable cost, consult the Cost Principles in [2 CFR 200, Subpart E](#) and direct additional questions to your CNCS Program Officer and Grants Officer.